

# HOSPITALITY GUIDE

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## Introduction

Welcome to the 2013 CCCC and to fabulous Las Vegas. While there is a rich array of affordable and unique opportunities on offer here, these are often eclipsed by the neon glow of the spectacular strip. This guide seeks to highlight the affordable options and rich, hidden gems while providing a local perspective and helpful hints.

To this end, the Hospitality Guide is broken down by subject. The following Table of Contents directs the user, by both hyperlink and page number, to the various sections which feature information and helpful links concerning everything from transportation and accessibility to dining and entertainment.

Whenever appropriate, symbol keys are provided for quick access to information on price, distance, etc.

For instance, if you are looking for an inexpensive and convenient cup of coffee, click on the Dining link in the Table of Contents. The information found there will direct you to several nearby restaurants and coffee shops. If you forgot a few items or simply want to stock up on affordable snacks and beverages, a click on the Shopping link would yield directions to the nearby Walgreens. A visit to the Entertainment section provides wallet-friendly options, from free attractions to discount show tickets, as well as unique exhibitions, galleries and museums. There is much more to Vegas than meets the naked eye, and there is much more to see beyond the city limits. Those interested in natural and historical points of interest should pay a visit to the Beyond the Strip section, which details popular attractions and offers information and links on price and transportation.

It is our wish that each attendee has a fulfilling conference experience and visit to Las Vegas (and possibly its surrounding areas). With this goal in mind, the members of the Hospitality Committee will be available and happy to assist you with any questions and concerns. Should you wish to reach me directly, you may email me at any time; I will respond to queries as expeditiously as possible. Moreover, I and various members of my team will be on-site and available at the Hospitality booth throughout the conference. We look forward to meeting and assisting you. Welcome to the 2013 CCCC and to our unique city of Las Vegas.

Sincerely,

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## TRANSPORTATION

### Getting to and from the Airport

Keep in mind that tipping is traditional and expected each of these services with the exception of public bus service.

#### Taxis

- Some taxis will not accept credit card payments. Customers should notify the attendant if they plan to use a credit card for payment.
- There is a \$1.80 charge on all fares originating at the airport.
- The maximum number of passengers allowed in any taxi is five (5), including infants and children.

### Estimated Taxi Fares from McCarran to the Strip and Downtown

Listed fares are approximate for one-way service

<b>South Strip</b>	
From roughly Russell Road to Monte Carlo	\$12.00 - \$17.00
<b>Center Strip</b>	
From roughly CityCenter (Aria, Cosmopolitan...) to the Flamingo and Caesar's Palace	\$14.00 - \$19.00
<b>North Strip:</b>	
From roughly the Mirage to the Riviera and Stratosphere	\$16.00 - \$21.00
<b>Downtown:</b>	
All hotels located in the Downtown area (Golden Nugget, Four Queens, the Plaza...)	\$22.00 - \$27.00

### [Airport Shuttle Service](#)

Resorts on and near the Strip do not generally provide airport shuttle service. There are, however, several companies which provide relatively inexpensive shuttle transportation between the airport and Strip hotels. These shuttles cost \$6 or \$7 for a one-way ride and \$12 or \$13 for a return trip, depending on the company. Tipping is traditional for luggage handling.

### Limousine Services

One of many unusual amenities available at McCarran International is the walk-up limousine service, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Should you wish to begin your Las Vegas adventure in high style, sedans, stretch limos and SUVs are standing by just outside the terminal. Limousines are hired by the hour; the first hour is priced around twice the rate of subsequent hours. Most Strip destinations may be reached in far less than an hour. Should you choose to hire a limousine, be sure to take advantage of your full hour. Your driver will be able to offer guidance on travel time and touring routes. Rates start at around \$40/first hour for a sedan. Tipping is traditional.

### [Car Rental Services at McCarran International](#)

If you decide to rent a car at the airport, simply follow the signs for the Rent-A-Car Center Courtesy Shuttle. The shuttle ride is short, approximately 3 miles, and the shuttle will leave you on the doorstep of the rental center which offers services by 9 major companies: Alamo, National, Dollar, Thrifty, Advantage, Enterprise, Payless, E-Z, Budget, Avis, Hertz). The center is conveniently located, providing easy access to the Strip area as well as major freeways.

### **Navigating the Strip and Downtown Area**

Walking is usually the quickest way to travel short distances along the Strip, but other methods may be more suitable for longer distances. There are several options available: taxis, limousines, the Deuce bus service and the monorail. Additionally, some resorts offer independent, complimentary tram services with partner hotels.

#### **Walking**

There are a few important tips to bear in mind when walking in Las Vegas tourist areas. Exercise caution when crossing major roads and hotel driveways. The overpasses located at convenient points along Las Vegas Boulevard offer a safer and more convenient way to cross. These may be accessed via escalators and elevators.

One less than savory feature of the Strip is the legion of massage and escort service promoters which lines the walkways. They relentlessly and indiscriminately push calling cards containing thinly censored adult content on any and all passers-by, slapping their wares on their hands before pushing them at pedestrians. Some visitors regard the cards as souvenirs of the complete Las Vegas experience. Others find them vulgar and disgusting. If you do not wish to begin a collection, the best policy is to avoid engaging the promoters altogether.

It is advisable and much more pleasant to use a taxi, bus or car when travelling between the Strip and Downtown areas. When walking Downtown, it is best to stay in the high traffic, tourist oriented areas around the Fremont Street Experience. Exercise caution when wandering the border areas.

#### **Complimentary Hotel Trams**

The Excalibur-Luxor-Mandalay Bay tram runs every 5 to 10 minutes between 4 am and 2 am. On its Southbound journey, from Excalibur to Mandalay Bay, the tram bypasses Luxor. The service stops at all three resorts, however, on the northbound journey. Neighbor hotels Mirage and TI also offer a tram service which runs the short distance between the hotels every few minutes between 9 am and 1 am. The Bellagio-CityCenter-Monte Carlo tram's route varies based on what hotel you start at. If you start at the Aria/Monte Carlo main station, the tram will take you directly to Crystals, the shopping and dining venue at CityCenter. If you start from Bellagio, you will stop at Crystals and then Monte Carlo. It operates from 8 am to 4 am and departs every 3 to 7 minutes.

#### **Taxis**

Las Vegas taxi companies are strictly regulated. One of the lesser known regulations prohibits taxis from stopping to pick up passengers on public streets. They may only pick up at hotels, restaurants, shopping venues and other designated points. If you have any complaint or have accidentally left something in a cab, call the [Taxicab Authority](#), open 24 hours a day, at (702) 486-6532. There is an initial surcharge of \$3.30 assessed upon engagement. From there, \$2.60 is charged per mile, and a \$0.25 slow charge is added in heavy traffic or waiting situation. Tipping is customary. As most journeys between Strip resorts will cost less than \$10, a \$1 tip is usually sufficient in the absence of baggage.

#### **Limousines**

Given the short distance between most Strip resorts and destinations, limousines, which are hired by the hour, are not a practical means of here-to-there transport. Cruising the Strip by limousine, however, is an enjoyable and indulgent way to take in the sights at night. Vehicles range from simple to extravagant; super stretch limos and SUVs are familiar sights along the Strip. Services are available from as little as \$35 per hour plus tip for a basic chauffeured sedan.



### [Public Bus Service](#)

The Deuce, Las Vegas' double-decker, Strip dedicated bus service, runs the length of the Strip and on to the Downtown area. This service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and departs every 15 to 20 minutes from various bus stops along the Strip and in the Downtown area. You can purchase a two hour bus pass for \$5, a 24 hour pass for \$7 and a 3 day pass for \$20. Passes may be purchase online, on the bus, or from a ticket vending machine. Should you order your pass online, please allow 7-10 business days for postal delivery; passes are not downloadable/printable. For further information on The Deuce and other Las Vegas public bus services, please visit the [Regional Transport Commission](#) website.

### [Monorail](#)

The Las Vegas Monorail runs parallel to the Strip from the MGM Grand Station to the Sahara Station near the Stratosphere. There are a total of 7 stations along the monorail's route, most of which are located near the back of resorts on the east side of the Strip. While the monorail service is great in theory, it is not the most practical solution for Strip transport. The stations are often hard to find and are located in often unappealing areas. The price does not make up for the inconvenience. A single ride is \$5.00, a 1 day pass is \$12.00, and a 3 day pass is \$28.00. Children aged 5 and under ride free. Tickets may be purchased online; they are delivered via postal service. You may also purchase them at any monorail station. The monorail operates from 7 am to 2 am Monday through Thursday and from 7 am to 3 am Friday through Sunday.

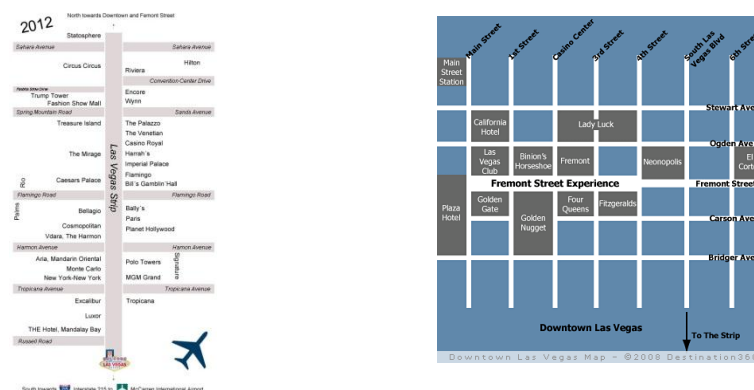
### [Parking](#)

Unlike many major cities, Las Vegas boast loads of free and easy access parking. Practically every resort offers free access to a dedicated parking garage. Hotels on the Strip require no validation; you may park practically anywhere regardless of your ultimate destination. Should you visit the Downtown area, be aware that parking is more scarce and access, or more accurately egress, is restricted to those willing to pay or to validate their parking tickets in the correlating casino. While most parking garages are well lit and well monitored, please exercise common sense regarding your personal safety.

### [Valet Parking](#)

Most Las Vegas resorts offer complimentary valet parking. Some resorts even offer several separate valet services, so be sure to note your point of entry into the hotel in order to avoid a headache when it is time to reclaim your vehicle. The valet lots often fill during high traffic times (Friday and Saturday nights and during special events), so plan ahead and leave yourself time to self park should valet service be unavailable. While this service is nearly always complimentary, tipping is expected. Some guests tip the valet at drop-off, but most prefer to tip at pick-up. Any amount from a few dollars up is appropriate.

### [Strip and Downtown Area Maps](#)



## ACCESSIBILITY AT THE RIVIERA CONFERENCE CENTER

More detailed information about accessible transportation, accommodations, and hospitality can be found on the [Convention Homepage](#), under "[Guidelines for Individuals with Disabilities](#)." If you have even more specific questions about access, you can also email the Committee on Disability Issues Chair: Jay Dolmage ([dolmage@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:dolmage@uwaterloo.ca)). A general overview on access at the Riviera Conference Center follows, below.

The Riviera Hotel and Conference Center is a physically accessible space that follows the minimum standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The conference center entrance, closest to the registration and book exhibits, is not accessible – the accessible entrance is the main entrance to the hotel, approximately 100 feet from the conference center entrance. The conference center entrance has a large set of stairs.

The Riviera Casino adjoins the hotel and conference center. This casino is a noisy, busy, and intense environment. To travel to washrooms, stores, and dining in the conference center, you will likely pass through casino areas. Some of these areas have perfumes and scents piped through them.

There will be a quiet room provided for conference attendees, adjacent to the conference registration area.

There are several restaurants and dining areas in the casino. These areas are physically accessible, yet often very busy. These restaurants and dining areas do not have their own washrooms. Accessible washrooms are located throughout the casino, however, including directly adjacent to the hotel check-in and the registration area.

There is a small convenience store in the Riviera, but the aisles in the store are very narrow and likely do not comply with ADA standards.

Some panels and workshops will be offered in "sky boxes" one level above the general conference area. There is one small elevator that travels to the "sky box" level. This elevator is located directly adjacent to the registration area.

There are other restaurants, a pharmacy, and a convenience store within 100 feet of the Riviera. Each of these resources is fully accessible. The area around the Riviera has wide sidewalks, is often very busy with pedestrian traffic, and yet is less busy than other parts of the "strip."

## BEYOND LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD

Las Vegas has much to offer beyond the Strip. Whether you are drawn to the immense complexity of Hoover Dam or the natural beauty of Red Rock Canyon, the areas surrounding Las Vegas have it all. This section gives an overview of nearby parks and attractions, links to tour operator sites, and suggestions on how to best reach and enjoy them on your own. For special interest tours involving more unique experiences (exploring Area 51, ziplining across the desert, or driving a race car on a Nascar track), follow [this link](#).... and enjoy!

**[Death Valley](#)** – This renowned wasteland, which surprisingly boasts desert oases and lush fields of wildflowers, is located about 120 miles from Las Vegas in southeastern California. Famed for its relentlessly hot and dry summer climate, the national park usually features very comfortable temperatures in March (the average high is 80°F; the low is 53°F) with occasional spring showers. Follow this link for tour information. Tours including transportation from the Strip are conducted by [Pink Jeep Tours](#), [Lost Wages Tours](#), and [Adventure Photo Tours](#), among others.

**[Grand Canyon](#)** – One of the natural wonders of the world, the Grand Canyon is awe inspiring and spectacular. There is a plethora of ways to reach and experience the canyon. You can see it by land, sea (well, river) or air. Tours are available by bus, limousine, ATV, jeep, and airplane, to name only a few. Champagne helicopter tours are reputedly among the most romantic and breathtaking experiences; they are, however, quite expensive. Bus tours are much more affordable. You may also visit the canyon on your own. The nearest attraction point on the canyon (just over 120 miles/2.5 hours from Vegas) is [Grand Canyon West](#), featuring the Skywalk, an outlook point with a plexiglass floor, suspended 4,000 over the floor of the canyon. This attraction is owned and operated by the Hualapai tribe. Admission to Grand Canyon West costs around \$30; this does not include admission to the Skywalk, which costs an additional \$30. Additional fees may apply. Grand Canyon National Park is approximately 250 miles from Vegas and features the North Rim and South Rim vantage points, tours, and visitor's centers. Admission to [Grand Canyon National Park](#) is \$25 per private vehicle. For tour options and pricing, visit [Vegas.com](#).

**[Hoover Dam](#)** – Located 30 miles outside of Las Vegas, Hoover Dam (once known as Boulder Dam) is one of the architectural and engineering wonders of the world. The dam rises 700 feet above the raging waters of the Colorado River and is a 'must-see' on many visitors' lists. You may book an official tour or visit on your own. Should you choose to visit independently, note that there is a \$7 parking fee and a tour/visitor's center charge of between \$9 and \$11; children 3 and under are free. For tour options and pricing, visit [Vegas.com](#).

**[Lake Mead](#)** – Lake Mead National Recreation Area is a roughly 40 minute drive from the Strip and supports a wide array of recreational activities (hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, etc.). This area also features an impressively diverse wildlife population (bighorn sheep, coyotes, etc.). You can rent all manner of sporting and aquatic equipment or simply hike/bike the day away. A late night picnic just off the road can be both relaxing and a bit eerie, as coyotes sometimes "converse" with one another in the relative darkness. While some tours visit Lake Mead, this area is most conveniently and economically reached by car.

**[Lake Las Vegas](#)**- A somewhat recent addition to the Lake Mead Area, the manmade Lake Las Vegas features spectacular resorts, such as [Ravella](#) (formerly the Ritz-Carlton) and the Westin Lake Las Vegas (formerly Loews). [Montelago Village](#) offers the feel of an Italian lakeside village just 17 miles from the Strip. Several of the resorts offer courtesy shuttles from the Strip.



**[Above Las Vegas](#)** – Being off the strip can also mean being off the beaten tourist path. There are many ways to enjoy the glitz of our neon jungle, one of the best of which is from the air. Aerial views of the strip are particularly breathtaking at night. For tour options and pricing, visit [Vegas.com](#).

**[Red Rock Canyon](#)** - Located just 20 miles outside of Las Vegas, Red Rock Canyon, an extension of the Mojave desert, provides a haven for hikers and climbers and features roads and trails for horses and bicycles. The vibrantly colored cliff faces, made up of sandstone and fossilized sand dunes, line the 13 mile scenic loop road. Cultural artifacts include Native American handprints and pictographs in the Willow Springs area. A single day entry into the park costs \$7 per vehicle. [Spring Mountain Ranch State Park](#), nestled in the canyon, provides a lush (by desert standards) backdrop for picnics and light-hearted games of catch and Frisbee. The ranch's sheltered location and altitude generally translate to cooler temperatures (around 10°F lower than the Strip). Be sure to check out the historic Ranch house, made all the more interesting by its striking list of former owners. Despite its location in Red Rock Canyon, Spring Mountain Ranch is independent of Red Rock State Park. An entrance fee of \$6 is charged per vehicle. [Bonnie Spring's Ranch](#), which neighbors Spring Mountain Ranch, offers Old Nevada, a frontier themed attraction ideal for kids 12 and under, a petting zoo, horseback riding (from \$55) and a local favorite, the Bonnie Springs Saloon. A non-petting zoo populated with wolves and bobcats and an aviary containing exotic birds and water fowl round out the list of attractions. Park entrance costs \$20 per vehicle. For tour options and pricing, visit [Vegas.com](#).

**[Valley of Fire](#)** - The oldest state park in Nevada, the Valley of Fire begins approximately 55 miles from the Las Vegas Strip and extends for six miles of brilliantly painted desert. The aptly named valley features fine and fragile arches, sandstone walls, geologic engravings, Native American petroglyphs and petrified wood. On this easy day trip away from the strip, you may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of some of the multitude of desert species which call this area home; these include coyotes, kit foxes, spotted skunks, black tailed jackrabbits, and desert tortoises. The entrance fee is \$10 per vehicle. For tour options and pricing, visit [Vegas.com](#).

**[Zion National Park](#)** - Zion National Park, a geologically, biologically, culturally and historically rich environment, encompasses 229 square miles of spectacular wilderness. The park's peaks offer breathtaking views. The best way to experience Zion is on your own two feet, hiking, with frequent stops for gawking and photo snapping. Given the immensity of the park, however, the Zion Shuttle is the best way to experience and learn about the highlights of this iconic landscape. The canyon's southern tip is roughly 180 miles outside of Las Vegas and may be reached by car within 2.5 hours. Should you wish to explore this natural wonder over a longer period, convenient and inexpensive lodging may be found in Springdale, Rockville or Cedar City, UT. [Joe's Guide to Zion National Park](#) is an excellent resource for further information and breathtaking photographs. For tour options and pricing, visit [Vegas.com](#).





## DINING

### Places to Grab a Cup of Coffee

If you wish to grab a quick cup in the morning, there are several nearby options, both on-site and just off. You could pop into [The Queen Victoria Pub](#) or the [Poolside Cafe](#) (open at 6am), both located in the Riviera, or take a quick walk next door to [The Peppermill](#). For a latte or cappuccino, you may have to venture to one of the neighboring casinos (Wynn/Encore or Venetian/Palazzo). Many of the coffee chains located in these casinos are open 24 hours.

### Dining Guide Icon Definitions

Distance from Conference Venue

	Close to conference site (≤ mile)
	Driving distance 1-5 miles
	Driving distance 5-10 miles
	Driving distance 10-15 miles

Cost Categories

\$	\$0-15 per entree	\$\$	\$15-30 per entree
\$\$\$	\$30-50 per entree	\$\$\$\$	\$50 and up per entree
SP	Special Pricing		

Other Categories

	Family friendly		Reservation suggested
	Smart attire suggested		

## FEATURED RESTAURANTS CLOSE TO CONFERENCE SITE

### [The Peppermill](#) \$ [MAP](#)

Situated right next door to the Riviera, this casual, family friendly restaurant boast excellent food at excellent value. The full, rather large, menu is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is a local favorite.

### [The Grand Lux Cafe at the Venetian/Palazzo](#) \$ [MAP](#)

Located about a mile from the Riviera, this Sister restaurant to the popular Cheesecake Factory, offers a gargantuan menu, delectable dishes and reasonable prices. Both locations (Venetian and Palazzo) are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### [THE Steakhouse at Circus Circus](#) \$\$\$ [MAP](#)

THE Steak House at Circus Circus has been voted Best of Las Vegas for over 20 years and was recently named Zagat's 2011 Top Steak House in Las Vegas. It is a hidden gem, nestled in the family friendly, garish heart of the Circus Circus, just across Las Vegas Boulevard from the Riviera. The ala carte menu features a vast array of seafood choices and, of course, steaks. Prices are appropriate to the fare and very reasonable by Strip standards. THE Steakhouse closes at 10pm Sunday through Friday and 11pm on Saturday. Attire is casual.

**[Benihana Village](#) at the Las Vegas Hotel 🚶 \$\$ 📍 [MAP](#)**

Benihana Village is located inside the Las Vegas Hotel (formerly the Las Vegas Hilton) just off the strip (behind the Riviera). The restaurant features the Japanese, exhibition-style cooking method known as teppanyaki. The food (the ginger salad dressing in particular) is excellent, and the hibachi chefs are entertaining. Prices are generally reasonable. The ambience of the village greatly contributes to the experience. Children enjoy the faux fireworks and flowing streams as well as the antics of the hibachi chefs. The restaurant is open from 5:30pm to 10:30pm Sunday through Friday, and 5pm to 10:30pm on Saturday. Attire is casual.

**[Mardi Gras Food Court](#) at the Riviera 🚶 \$ 🍷**

If convenience reigns supreme, the Riviera's food court may be the most sensible option. Fast food choices include: Angelina's Pizza (10am to 12am), Big Burger (24 hours), Buffalo Wings (10am to 11pm), Cheese Steaks Etc. (11am to 10pm), India Masala (24 hours), La Salsa (10am-10pm), Quiznos (10am to 10:30pm) and Wok Express (10am to 12am).

### FEATURED FAMILY FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

**[Johnny Rockets](#) at The Fashion Show Mall 🚶 \$ 🍷**

This old fashioned burger joint/soda fountain is pretty straight forward. The burgers are decent, the shakes are thick, and the cooks and servers sing and dance periodically. It's greasy, cheesy family fun. There are several other nearby locations (such as the Venetian food court). The mall location is open for lunch and dinner from 10:00am-9:00pm, Monday - Saturday and 11:00am-7:00pm on Sundays.

**[Kahunaville](#) at TI 🚗 \$\$ 🍷**

In this tropical themed restaurant, flair bartenders show off their skills while dancing servers add to the festive, party-like environment set against an island paradise backdrop splashed with vibrant colors and tiki décor. Nightly entertainment includes Flair Bartender Showcases, live DJ and an indoor water show (a favorite with the kids). The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 7:00am - 11:00pm to 10:00pm, Sunday through Thursday and until 11:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

**[Rainforest Cafe](#) at the MGM Grand 🚗🚗 \$\$ 🍷**

Part adventure, part restaurant and wholly entertaining for the whole family, the Rainforest Cafe recreates a tropical rainforest with waterfalls, lush vegetation, and indigenous creatures. Storms rumble through the canopy from time to time, bringing many of the creatures to life (much to the delight of little ones). You are paying for the ambience; the food isn't the best for the money, but kids enjoy it. The cafe is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 8:00am until 11:00pm on Sunday through Thursday and until 12:00am on Friday and Saturday.

### CONVENIENT RESTAURANTS BY GENRE

**BRAZILIAN**

**[Samba Brazilian Steakhouse](#) at The Mirage 🚗 \$\$\$**

Dinner: 5:00pm - 10:30pm, daily

**BREAKFAST****Hash House A Go Go at the Imperial Palace** 🚗 \$\$ 🍴

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner: 7:00am - 11:00pm, Sun.-Thurs.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner: 7:00am - 1:00am, Fri.-Sat.

**BUFFET****The Buffet at The Wynn** 🍴 SP

Breakfast: 8:00am - 10:30am, Mon.-Fri., \$18.95

Lunch: 11:00am - 3:30pm, Mon.-Fri., \$22.95

Dinner: 3:30 to 10:00pm, Sun.-Thurs., \$34.95

3:30 to 10:30pm, Fri.-Sat., \$38.95

Brunch: 8:00am - 3:30pm, Sat.-Sun., \$30.95

with champagne, \$37.95

**The Buffet at TI** 🚗 SP 🍴

Breakfast : 7:00 am - 11:00am, Mon. -Fri., \$17.95 Adults, \$9.95 Children

Lunch: 11:00am - 4:00pm, Mon. -Fri., \$19.95 Adults, \$12.95 Children

Dinner: 4:00pm - 10:00pm, Mon. -Fri., \$23.95 Adults, \$15.95 Children

Weekend Seafood Dinner: 4:00pm - 10:00pm, Fri. -Sun., \$26.95 Dinner Adults, \$15.95 Children

Champagne Brunch: 7:00am -4:00pm, Sat. - Sun., \$23.95 Adults, \$12.95 Children

**CARIBBEAN****Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville at the Flamingo** 🚗 \$\$ 🍴

Lunch and Dinner: Daily 11am-2am

**CHINESE****Tao at the Venetian** 🍴 \$\$\$

Dinner: 5:00pm - 12:00am, Sun. - Thurs.

Dinner: 5:00pm - 1:00am, Fri. - Sat.

**Blossom at the Aria** 🚗🚗 \$\$\$

Dinner: 5:30PM - 10:30PM, daily

**BRITISH****The Queen Victoria Pub at the Riviera** 🍴

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner: 24 hours a day, daily

**FRENCH****Bouchon at the Venetian** 🍴 \$\$\$

Breakfast: 7:00am – 10:30am, Mon. - Fri.

Mid-day at the Oyster bar: 3:00pm – 10:00pm, daily

Dinner: 5:00pm – 10:00pm, daily

Brunch: 8:00am – 2:00pm, Sat. - Sun.

**Eiffel Tower Restaurant** at Paris 🚗 \$\$\$\$ ☎ 🍷

Lunch: 11:30am - 2:30pm, daily

Dinner: 5:00pm - 10:15pm daily

Dinner: 5:00pm - 10:45pm, Fri. - Sat.

**GERMAN****Hofbrauhaus** on Paradise Rd. 🚗 \$\$

Lunch and Dinner: 11:00am-11:00pm, Mon. - Thurs.

Lunch and Dinner: 11:00am-Midnight, Fri. - Sat.

**HAMBURGERS****I love Burgers** at the Palazzo 🦿 \$ 🧑🧑

Lunch and Dinner: 11:00am-11:00pm, Mon. - Thurs.

Lunch and Dinner: 11:00am-11:00pm, Fri. - Sat.

**Stripburger** at The Fashion Show Mall 🦿 \$ 🧑🧑

Lunch and Dinner: 11:00am-1:00am, Mon. - Thurs.

Lunch and Dinner: 11:00am-2:00am, Fri. - Sat.

**INDIAN****Origin India** on Paradise Rd. 🚗 \$\$

Lunch and Dinner: 11:30am - 11:30pm, daily

**ITALIAN****Maggiano's Little Italy** at The Fashion Show Mall 🦿 \$\$ 🧑🧑

Lunch: 11:00am - 3:00pm, daily

Dinner: 3:00pm - 11:00pm, daily

**Casa d'Amore off-strip** (offers complimentary transport by limousine) 🚗🚗 \$\$ ☎

Call (702) 433-4967 to make a reservation for dinner and limousine service (tip expected).

Dinner: 5:00am - 5:00pm, Weds. - Sun.

Closed Tuesday

**JAPANESE****Benihana Village** at Las Vegas Hotel 🦿 \$\$ 🧑🧑 ☎

Dinner: 5:00pm - 11:00pm, Mon. -Sun.

Closed Tuesday

**MEDITERRANEAN****Marrakech** on Paradise Rd. 🚗 SP

Dinner: 5:30pm - 11:00pm, Weds. - Mon.

Dinner: 5:30pm - 1:00am, Tues.

Six Course Set Menu Price: \$39.95 per person (Belly dancers appear throughout the night; you may tip the dancers).

**Paymon's Mediterranean Cafe** off-strip near UNLV campus 🚗 \$\$

Lunch: 11:00am - 4:00pm, daily

Dinner: 4:00pm - 1:00am, daily



**MEXICAN****Señor Frogs** at Treasure Island 🚗 \$\$

Lunch and Dinner: 11:00am - 11:00pm, daily

**El Segundo Sol** at The Fashion Show Mall 🦿 \$\$ 🧑🧑

Lunch: 11:00am-4:00pm, Sun. - Sat.

Dinner: 4:00pm-12:00am, Mon. - Fri.

Dinner: 4:00pm-11:00pm, Sun.

**PIZZA****Grimaldi's Pizzeria** at The Fashion Show Mall 🦿 \$\$ 🧑🧑

Monday - Saturday 11:00am - 9:00pm

Sunday 11:00am - 7:00pm

**The nameless "Hidden, Secret Pizza Place" at The Cosmopolitan** (no website) 🚗🚗 \$ 🧑🧑

It is actually hidden in what appears to be a service corridor, located between the Blue Ribbon Sushi Bar &amp; Grill and the Jaleo restaurant

Lunch and Dinner: 11:00am - 5:00am, Mon., Fri. - Sun.

Lunch and Dinner: 11:00am - 4:00am, Tue-Thu

**STEAK AND SEAFOOD****R Steak & Seafood** at the Riviera 🦿 \$\$\$ 📞 🍷

Dinner: 5:00pm - 10:00pm, daily

**Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab** in The Forum Shops at Caesar's Palace 🚗 \$\$\$\$ 📞

Lunch: 11:30am-5:00pm, daily

Dinner: 5:00pm-10:00pm, Sun. - Thurs.

Dinner: 5:00pm-11:00am, Fri. - Sat.

**SUSHI****Sushisamba** at the Palazzo 🦿 \$\$\$

Lunch: 11:30am – 4:00pm, daily

Dinner: 5:00pm – 1:00am, Sun. – Weds.

Dinner: 5:00pm – 2:00am, Thurs. - Sat.

**Ra Sushi Bar** at The Fashion Show Mall 🦿 \$\$

Lunch and Dinner: 11:00am -12:00am, daily

**TAPAS****Firefly** on Paradise Rd. 🚗 \$\$

Lunch and Dinner: 11:30am - 2:00am, daily

## SHOPPING

### **INCIDENTALS**

Walgreens Drug Store is located just south of the Riviera on The Strip. This is a handy spot to pick up forgotten items, medications, foods and beverages. The prices there are much more reasonable than in hotel gift shops, making it worth the short walk. They even offer a limited range of Las Vegas souvenirs. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **FASHION, ETC.**

Several major shopping venues lie just a short walk away from The Riviera. The Fashion Show Mall offers the most comprehensive selection, but many fashionable and high end shops may be found in the surrounding resorts, most notably in [The Grand Canal Shoppes](#) in the Venetian (and Palazzo) and in [The Forum Shops](#) at Caesar's Palace.

### **OUTLET MALLS**

[The Las Vegas Premium Outlets- North](#), only 3 miles away from the Riviera, boast over 150 shops selling everything from jewelry to luggage. The drive takes about ten minutes each way (about a \$12.00 taxi fare, plus tip). Alternatively, you could hop on the [Strip and Downtown Express](#) bus service; the most accessible pick-up points are the Sahara monorail station and The Fashion Show Mall. A 2 hour bus pass may be purchased for \$5.00, but a 24 hour pass costs only \$2.00 more.

### **FEATURED SHOP**

#### **Bauman's Rare Books in The Shoppes at the Palazzo**

While this well hidden jewel has a definite look but don't touch aura about it, a visit always leaves the history and book lover feeling exhilarated. The 2300-square-foot gallery houses many desirable volumes, all in amazing condition, including a 1687 edition of Chaucer's *Works*, a first edition of James Joyce's *Ulysses*, a first edition of *A Farewell to Arms* signed by Hemingway, an exceptional first edition of Twain's classic *Huck Finn*, and a scarce first edition of Beethoven's magical *Fifth Symphony*. In addition to books, Bauman's also offers unique documents, such as a lengthy autograph letter signed by President Lincoln and a military document signed by Napoleon as emperor.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### FREE ATTRACTIONS

While Vegas entertainment can be quite pricey, there are a number of complimentary shows and attractions on offer, many of which are just a short walk or taxi ride from the conference site. While many of these are accessible during daylight hours, keep in mind that most outdoor attractions are more impressive at night.

### CARNIVAL MIDWAY CIRCUS ACTS

#### Circus Circus

If you have children, a bit of free entertainment can go a long way in Las Vegas. Centered in the Carnival Midway, these free shows feature aerialists, acrobats, skaters, clowns and more. Performances, roughly 5-10 minutes long) happen on the hour, starting at 11 a.m. Don't plan your vacation around these shows, but if you happen to be in the area, do stop in and catch a performance.

### ERUPTING VOLCANO

#### The Mirage- Strip Frontage

This famed attraction underwent major renovation to the tune of \$25 million in 2008. As a result, it is literally hotter than ever. The tribal beats, lighting effects and waves of fiery heat are sure to make an impression. The volcano erupts every hour on the hour from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. nightly; the spectacle decidedly better after dark. Sadly, the previously free to view white tiger habitat at the Mirage has been incorporated into Secret Garden, the Mirage's rather expensive wildlife attraction.

### SIRENS OF TI

#### TI/Treasure Island- Strip Frontage

If you were lucky enough to see the "Buccaneer Bay" show prior to its Vegas make-over in 2003, be aware that its replacement, "The Sirens of TI," is an entirely different beast. Originally touted as a family friendly attraction, featuring a sea battle, impressive stunts, canon blasts and a sinking ship, the revamped show focuses on song, dance, pyrotechnics and sex appeal. There is still a battle; the ship still sinks. However, the feel of the show is decidedly more adult friendly. Children are still allowed, but parental discretion should be used. The Sirens perform nightly at 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. The shows last approximately 15 minutes. Be sure to stake out your spot at least 15 minutes before the performance. Cancellations may occur in the case of high winds or severe weather.

### VENETIAN STREETMOSPHERE PERFORMANCES

#### Venetian Grand Canal Shoppes

This talented and sumptuously costumed troupe of vocalists performs daily at various locales in the must-see Grand Canal Shoppes, located on the second floor of the Venetian. Shows feature operatic classics mixed with popular Italian music. The primary performances take place on the stage of St. Mark's Square at Noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. While you are there, be sure to take a stroll alongside the Grand Canal, which features gondolas complete with singing gondoliers from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (11:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays). The best spots for gondola watching are at either end of the canal.

## **FOUNTAINS OF BELLAGIO**

The best of the free Strip entertainments, the Fountains of Bellagio shows combine amazing technical feats of water pressure with hypnotic aquatic choreography set to tunes from various and diverse genres. There are 32 different shows, so it may be worthwhile to stay and watch several. While still quite impressive in the daylight, the fountains are, as are most things on the strip, more impressive at night. During the week, the shows run every 30 minutes from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. After 7, they occur every 15 minutes. They begin earlier on weekends; on Saturdays they start at 12 p.m., and on Sundays they run every fifteen minutes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for The Fountains Sunday Brunch at Jasmine, reverting to the weekday schedule thereafter.

## **ANIMATED STATUES**

### **Forum Shops at Caesar's Palace**

This impressive shopping venue is home to many animated statues that come to life hourly for the entertainment of the shoppers that pass by. The Atlantis Water Show in particular is a must-see for anyone looking for classic Las Vegas spectacle entertainment.

## **FREMONT STREET EXPERIENCE LIGHT AND SOUND SHOW**

Take a break from the strip and make the short journey up the Boulevard to downtown Las Vegas. You can get a taste of old Vegas glitz and enjoy the outdoor party under the high tech Fremont canopy, featuring 12.5 million lights and 550,000 watts of sound. Beginning at dusk each night, enjoy hourly VivaVision extravaganzas alongside free open air concerts and dance parties. Shows begin at 6 p.m. and run until 12 a.m.

## **MAJOR PRODUCTION SHOWS**

**Locals Tip:** If you are open-minded and looking for a deal, try the Tix4Tonight booth in the Fashion Show Mall. The booth is located on the lower level of the mall, beneath Neiman Marcus, and is open from 10am until 8pm. Tickets are offered at half price for same day performances. The earlier you arrive, the better the selection.

## **CLOSE TO CONFERENCE SITE**

### **[Le Rêve – Wynn Las Vegas](#)**

French for "The Dream," Le Rêve combines water, fire, swimming, acrobatics and spectacular effects. Among the most enjoyable and impressive of Vegas shows, Le Reve is performed in the round. No seat is further than 42 feet from the stage; as a result, every seat has an unimpeded sightline, and even those in the back row maintain an intimate connection to the performance. Performances take place at 7pm & 9:30pm, Friday through Tuesday. The theatre is dark Wednesdays and Thursdays. From \$105

### **[The Riviera Comedy Club-The Riviera](#)**

Voted Best Comedy Club six years in a row, Las Vegas' original comedy showcase features America's funniest comics in an intimate nightclub setting. Performances nightly at 8:30pm. From \$25

## MUSICALS

### JERSEY BOYS -Paris Las Vegas

This Tony Award winning show, billed as “a cinematic journey through the Lives of the Four Seasons,” receives rave reviews from audience members and critics alike. The production features hits “Sherry”, “Walk Like a Man”, and “Big Girls Don’t Cry”, spectacularly staged, choreographed and performed. Children 5 and older are permitted, but parental discretion should be used for those under 12 years of age. Nightly performances, Tuesday through Sunday (dark Mondays). From \$52

### MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL-Luxor Las Vegas

Comedy and music come together in this smaller scale production which has its predominantly female audiences rolling in the aisles. Hit songs from various eras and genres are borrowed and molded to suit the show’s central theme. You guessed it, menopause! Must be 18 years or older to attend. From \$50

### ROCK OF AGES-The Venetian

Set to open in late December, this 80’s extravaganza will be rocking the former Phantom Theatre. Having garnered Tony Awards and much acclaim following its Broadway debut, Rock of Ages is now set to rock Las Vegas. This is a nostalgic, feel-good party show experience. Performances Tuesdays through Fridays, and Sundays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.; and is dark on Mondays. From \$45

## FAMILY FRIENDLY

### TOURNAMENT OF KINGS- Excalibur

Invading armies! Dancing maidens! Jousting! Fireworks! And eating with your fingers! This family friendly dinner show is a great value and one of very few Vegas productions to cater to the kids; there are no age restrictions. Show times are Monday and Wednesday at 6pm, and Thursday through Sunday at 6pm & 8:30pm. Admission only from \$44; Dinner show from \$59

### BLUE MAN GROUP- Monte Carlo

“A primaltronically phosphorpedic, biomechani-morphically audiorrific, technodelically tribalicious, cyborganic, and just freakin’ cool experience.” This is an all new show, designed specifically for Blue Man’s new home at the Monte Carlo. This show is a beat and comedy driven, energetic marvel which is fun for all ages. Performances 7pm and 10pm nightly. From \$59

### TERRY FATOR- Mirage

He won “America's Got Talent” with a time-honored tradition: Puppets, ventriloquism and uncanny singing impressions. What makes him the joyful owner of the genre is his ever-changing, dynamic and hilarious take on the biggest chart-toppers. Children ages 5 and up are welcome. Performance are Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30pm, dark Sunday and Monday. From \$59

## CIRQUE STYLE SHOWS

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**KA by Cirque du Soleil- MGM Grand**

The most theatrical of the Vegas based Cirque shows, *KA* uses acrobatic performances, the thrills and action of martial arts techniques from all over the world, plus innovations in puppetry and multimedia to tell the epic tale of twins on a perilous journey to fulfill their shared destiny. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 7pm and 9:30pm and are open to all ages. From \$69

**LOVE - by Cirque du Soleil**

Audiences rave about this high-energy, musical masterpiece. Sir George Martin and his son Giles created the three-time Grammy-winning soundtrack. The songs of the Beatles are brought to electric, exuberant life by some of the best aerialists, acrobats and dancers in the world. Performances are Thursday through Monday 7pm & 9:30pm; the theatre is dark Tuesday and Wednesday. This show appeals to all ages, but children must be 5+. From \$79

**O by Cirque du Soleil- Bellagio**

Among the best of Vegas shows, *O* features synchronized swimmers, divers and characters perform in, on, and high above water to create a breathtaking experience in a magnificent theatre reminiscent of a European opera house. Show times are 7:30pm and 10pm Wednesday through Sunday; the theatre is dark Monday and Tuesday. From \$109

**ABSINTHE- Caesars Palace**

This hot, new show has caused a stir on the strip by combining the oohs and ahs of the circus with Vegas glam and a seriously sexy streak. *The New York Times* describes Absinthe as "Cirque du Soleil as channeled through *Rocky Horror Picture Show* and painted by George Grosz. A blend of skill, erotic innuendo and zaniness. The memorable moments make a jaded audience literally gasp." Performances are at 8pm and 10pm Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, and 8pm Wednesday and Sunday. The theatre is dark Monday. Audience members must be 18 years or older. From \$89

## MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITIONS

**Auto Collection at the Imperial Palace**

Featuring 350 classic cars that span more than a century, the Auto Collection is the auto enthusiast's dream. Click [here](#) to print a voucher for free admission. Open daily from 10am to 6pm.

**Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art**

Featuring exhibitions of art and objects from all over the world, the Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art is sure to attract art lovers. Consult the website for featured collections. Hours are 10am to 8pm; last admissions are sold at 7:30 pm daily. General admission is \$15.

**Bodies at Luxor**

Previously on display in cities across the world including New York City and London, "Bodies...The Exhibition" showcases 21 whole-body specimens as well as more than 260 organs and partial body specimens. The exhibit is open from 10am to 10pm daily with last admission at 9pm. General admission is \$32.

**[Titanic at Luxor](#)**

Featuring more than 300 artifacts, as well as breathtaking replicas from the famous ship, the Titanic exhibit truly brings history to life. The exhibit is open from 10am to 10pm daily with last admission at 9pm. General admission is \$32.

**[Martin Lawrence Galleries at the Forum Shops in Caesar's Palace](#)**

This 26,000-square-foot showcase features hundreds of works including pieces from Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Erté, among others. Call (702) 991-5190 for more info.

**[Mob Museum downtown](#)**

Located in heart of downtown Las Vegas, the 41,000-square-foot Mob Museum is an interactive attraction showcasing the history of these famed gangsters. The museum is open Sunday through Thursday 10am to 7pm, Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 8pm. General admission is \$19.95, but keep in mind that you will need to take a taxi to get there.

**NIGHTLIFE****CLOSE TO CONFERENCE SITE****[Fireside Lounge at the Peppermill](#) 🚶**

Located right next door to the Riviera, the Peppermill offers a glimpse of vintage Vegas. The neon decor and sunken fire pits add to the ambience. The bar menu features delicious and nicely priced nibbles, and exotic cocktails. This local favorite operates 24/7.

**[Queen Victoria Pub at the Riviera](#) 🚶**

The pub is open 24 hours a day and offers traditional British breakfast, lunch, dinner, and coffee and drink specials daily. The kitchen is open from 7am to 3am. Whether you're up for a pint or a proper fry-up, it doesn't get more convenient than this.

**[Parasol Down at the Wynn](#) 🚶**

Relax with a unique cocktail while taking in views of the Lake of Dreams, a three-acre man-made lake, fed by trickling streams and a waterfall. Most of the time, the scene is placid and beautiful, but the show, in which the lake is transformed by thousands of underwater LED lights, starts every hour on the hour. Images are projected on the waterfall, on a massive emerging disc, and on a surprising face that appears from the depths. Different music and effects make each show a new revelation. While the drinks are on the expensive side, the ambience and entertainment make Parasol Down a must see.

**[Tryst Nightclub at the Wynn](#) 🚶**

This smallish, chic dance club features breathtaking waterfall views from the dance floor. Tryst is open Thursday through Saturday from 10:00pm to 4am. Cover charge is \$20 for ladies and \$30 for gentlemen. The dress code is upscale casual; athletic wear of any kind (no flip flops, tennis shoes, shorts, hats, etc.) is prohibited.

### [XS Nightclub at the Encore](#) ✈

XS Nightclub is similar to its predecessor, Tryst, but features a more spacious and opulent interior, accentuated by the shimmering waters of the swimming pool which abuts the nightclub. XS is open Friday-Monday from 9:30pm-4am on Fridays & Saturdays and 10:30pm-4am on Sundays & Mondays. The cover charge is \$20 for ladies and \$30 for gentlemen on Fridays, Sundays, & Mondays. The cover charge increases to \$50 for men on Saturdays. The dress code is upscale casual - no athletic wear of any kind (no flip flops, tennis shoes, shorts, hats, etc.), no baggy jeans or jeans with holes.

## Featured LGBT Nightlife Hotspots

### **Bars and Clubs**

#### [Drink and Drag at Neonopolis](#) (downtown)

Staffed by drag queens, this unusual venue bills itself as the ultimate play lounge in entertainment with 12 lanes of bowling, a "gaymers room," pool tables, dart boards, a VIP area and an appetizing bar menu.

#### [Piranha Nightclub](#) and [8 1/2 Ultra Lounge](#)

This joint venue, comprised of Piranha nightclub and 8 1/2 Ultra Lounge, is equipped with 3 bars, V.I.P. rooms, bottle service, a spectacular view of the Las Vegas Strip, and a brick paved outdoor patio complete with fire pits and lush landscaping.

#### [Krave Massive at Neonopolis](#) (downtown)

This behemoth 50,000 square foot dance club is brand new for 2013, when it will take its prideful place as the world's largest gay club. The club will feature multiple, separate dance and lounge areas, including a women only dance floor. Specific pricing and operational information is unavailable at this time.

#### [Share Nightclub](#) Near the Wynn just off The Strip

The gay nightclub, bar and ultra lounge spans 2 floors with the ultra modern and hip nightclub down stairs creating a unique dance floor encased by couches, tables and VIP cabanas while keeping a full view of the dance floor at all times.

## AA AND NA MEETINGS

### **Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings convenient to Conference Site**

Wednesday 6pm - Mirage Hotel (Ask Guest Services for meeting location)

Wednesday 8pm- Harrah's Hotel (2nd floor above Employee Entrance)

Thursday 10am- Riviera Hotel (Monaco Tower Elevator, Room 4217)

Friday 7:30pm- Riviera Hotel (Monaco Tower Elevator, Room 4217)

Saturday 12pm- Riviera Hotel (Monaco Tower Elevator, Room 4217)

Saturday 5pm- Riviera Hotel (Monaco Tower Elevator, Room 4217)

### **Narcotics Anonymous Meetings convenient to Conference Site**

There are NA meetings at the nearby Steps Club (off strip) every day except Wednesday. The club is less than 2 miles away, but taxi transportation is strongly advised.

3084 South Highland Drive, Suite D ([Map](#))

Thursday 12pm and 7pm

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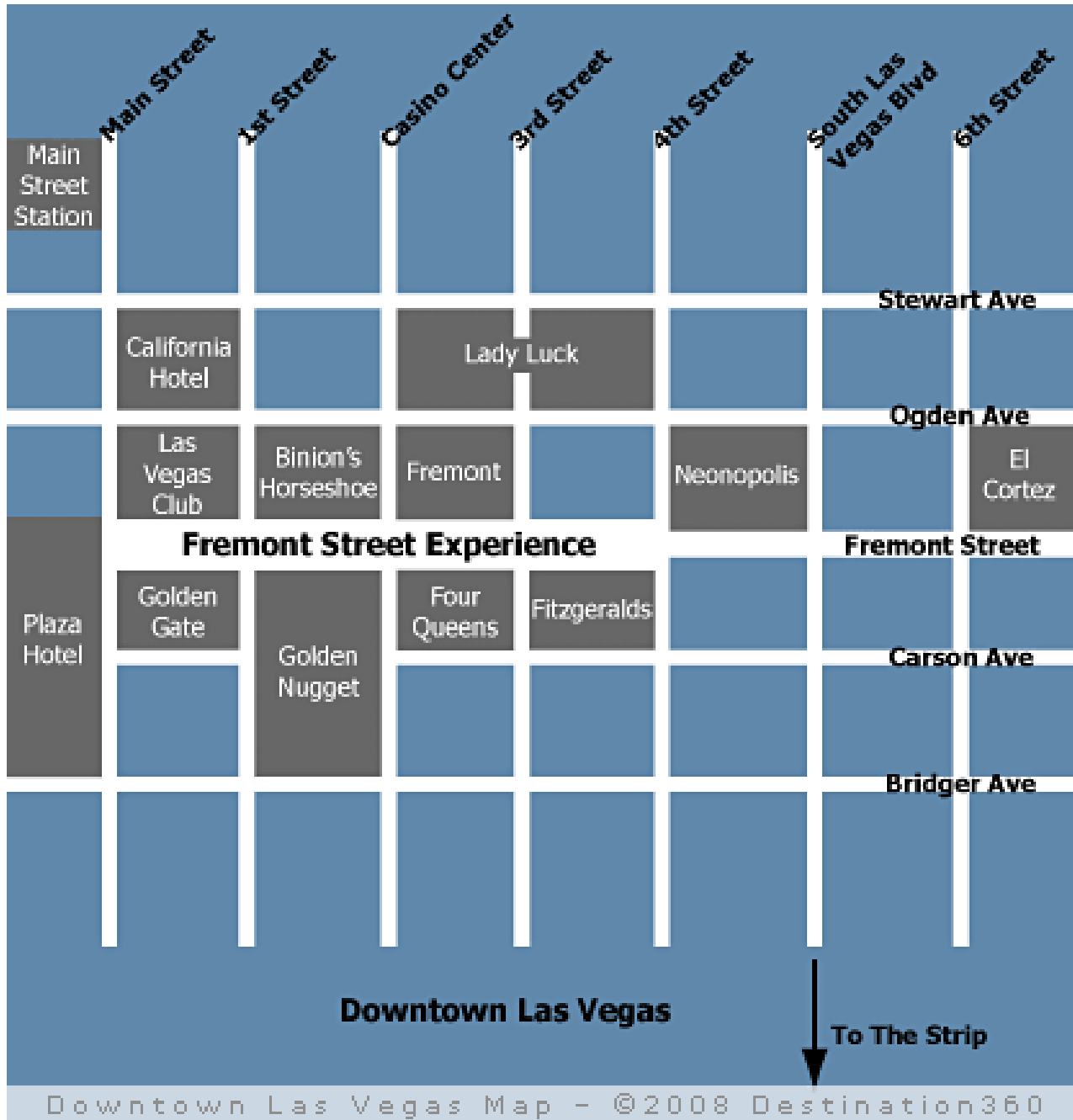
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